

further including the step of separating the packages following the step for selectively electroplating the bond ribbons.

33. The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the edge surfaces of the compliant layer are sloping surfaces which extend in both vertical and horizontal directions.

34. The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein at least some of said sloping edge surfaces have first transition regions near the top surface of the compliant layer and second transition regions near the bottom surface of the compliant layer, and wherein both the first and second transition regions have respective radii of curvature.

Remarks

The present Supplemental Preliminary Amendment adds new claims 21-34. New claims 21-34 are directed to a method of making a compliant microelectronic assembly including providing a microelectronic element having a first surface and a plurality of contacts disposed on the first surface, providing a compliant layer over the first surface of the microelectronic element, whereby the compliant layer has a bottom surface facing toward the first surface of the microelectronic element, a top surface facing upwardly away from the microelectronic element and one or more edge extending between the top and bottom surfaces. Next, flexible bond ribbons are selectively formed over the compliant layer so that the bond ribbon extend over the top surface and one or more of the edge surfaces and the bond ribbons electrically connect the contacts to conductive terminals overlying the top surface of the compliant layer. New claims 21-34 do not introduce new matter and are fully supported by the originally filed disclosure. For example, the limitations set forth in

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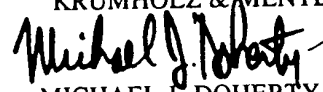
new claim 21 are disclosed, inter alia, at page 5, lines 1-23. The limitations recited in new claims 22-34 are disclosed, inter alia, at page 5, line 1-page 7, line 14.

For all the reasons set forth above, prompt and favorable consideration of the amended application and allowance of claims 1-11 and 21-34 is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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